# Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources

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## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE **Division of Water Resources MEMORANDUM**

TO: Files DATE:

November 7, 2016

FROM: Richelle A. Krueger

RE:

Water Right

File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978

Danny D. and Susan J. Post, and DeKeta S. Schuckman, on behalf of NV Ranch L.P., etal, water right owners, have filed applications for approval to change the authorized place of use for the referenced file numbers, authorized for irrigation use in the Arkansas River basin.

The referenced files do not appear abandoned as per K.S.A. 82a-718.

File Nos. 6.892 and 14.978 are authorized a limited total of 1.050 acre-feet of groundwater for irrigation use in Sections 18 and 19, Township 28 South, Range 25 West, Ford County. The referenced file numbers form an incomplete overlap in the authorized place of use and File No. 6,892 overlaps one of the two authorized wells of File No. 14,978. NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah Nicholson have recently purchased the South Half (S½) of Section 18, and the referenced change applications propose to remove the overlap in place of use and point of diversion between File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978. Danny D. and Susan J. Post will be owners of File No. 6,892 and the 235 proposed acres in Section 19, and NV Ranch L.P. and Jeremiah Nicholson will own File No. 14,978 and the proposed 299 acres in Section 18. The authorized diversion rate and quantity of File No. 14,978 will be reduced to 583 acre-feet and 1,295 gallons per minute, and the additional limitation on the quantity and diversion rate as set forth in the certificate of appropriation for File No. 14.978 when combined with File No. 6,892 will be removed.

The applications appear to comply with K.A.R. 5-5-11 Applications for change in place of use. The 467 acre-feet to be authorized for File No. 6,892 will irrigate the proposed 235 acres with 1.99 acre-feet per acre and the 583 acre-feet to be authorized for File No. 14,978 will irrigate the proposed 299 acres with 1.95 acre-feet per acre. The 50% net irrigation requirement for the full irrigation of corn with 85% efficiency in Ford County is 1.34 acre-feet per acre, so the proposals appear reasonable.

There is a stockwatering well (File No. 20.447.01) owned by the Posts and one domestic well not under common ownership within one-half mile of the authorized points of diversion. The domestic water well owner was notified by letter dated October 21, 2016 of the proposed changes in place of use in order to comply with Senate Bill No. 337 enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, effective July 1, 2016.

The same local source of supply will not change, which has been previously determined to be Ogallala Formation (211).

Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 recommended approval of the referenced applications in a letter dated October 26, 2016 from Jason Norquest, Assistant Manager.

In an e-mail dated November 1, 2016, Jeff Lanterman, Water Commissioner of the Stafford Field Office, indicated that he is not opposed to approval of the applications.

Water flow meters are required. Check valves are required if any chemical or foreign substance is injected into the water through the diversion works.

Based on the above discussion, that the changes are reasonable, that impairment to existing water rights is unlikely, and that no change in the local source of supply will occur, it is recommended that the applications be approved.

> Richelle A. Krueger **Environmental Scientist**



1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, Kansas 66502 (785) 564-6700

Tackie McClaskey, Secretary

900 SW Jackson, Room 456 Topeka, Kansas 66612 (785) 296-3556

Governor Sam Brownback

November 14, 2016

DANNY D & SUSAN J POST 10629 VALLEY RD DODGE CITY KS 67801-6786

FILE COPY

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Post:

Enclosed are the orders executed by the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, approving the applications for change under the above referenced file numbers.

Your attention is directed to the enclosures and to the terms, conditions, and limitations specified in these approvals for change. A condition of these approvals is that acceptable water flow meters must be installed on the diversion works authorized under the referenced file numbers. Please return the required notification of completion of the installation of the required meters as soon as these actions are completed.

Please be reminded that reports of water usage must be submitted to this office annually. Records indicating the amount of water used should be furnished to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of the previous calendar year so that the continued use of water becomes a matter of record in this office. You are designated as the water use correspondent for the well authorized by File No. 6,892 and Jeremiah B. Nicholson is designated as the water use correspondent for the well authorized by File No. 14,978. If it is desired that someone other than the water right owners submit the water use report, you should complete the enclosed form letter and return it to this office. Failure to file an accurate water use report is a violation of law which makes you subject to civil penalties.

Since the orders for the referenced file numbers modify the original documents referred to above they should be recorded with the Register of Deeds as other instruments affecting real estate.

If you have any questions, please contact this office. If you call, please reference the file number so we can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Change Application Unit Supervisor

Water Appropriation Program

**Enclosures** 

pc: Stafford Field Office

Groundwater Management District No. 3 NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah B. Nicholson

Thomas G. and Kay L. Schnittker



#### KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Jackie McClaskey, Secretary of Agriculture

**DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES** 

David W. Barfield, Chief Engineer

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE AND

FILE COPY

ORDER REDUCING THE
NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED POINTS OF DIVERSION
THE AUTHORIZED QUANTITY AND DIVERSION RATE
AND REMOVING
THE ADDITIONAL QUANTITY AND DIVERSION RATE LIMITATION
WATER RIGHT
FILE NO. 14,978

The Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, after due consideration of the written application of Danny D. and Susan J. Post, 10629 Valley Road, Dodge City, Kansas, 67801, DeKeta S. Schuckman, on behalf of NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah B. Nicholson, 11089 Whirlwind Road, Dodge City, Kansas, 67801, and Thomas G. and Kay L. Schnittker, on behalf of Thomas G. Schnittker and Kay L. Schnittker Trusts dated April 14, 1999, P.O. Box 1, Pratt, Kansas, 67124, received in this office on August 8, 2016, for approval of a change in the location of the place of use under the certificate of appropriation issued pursuant to the application for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, as modified and amended by the Orders of the Chief Engineer dated March 31, 1997 and June 30, 1997, approving applications to change the point of diversion, finds that the change is reasonable and will not impair existing rights, and that the application should be and is hereby approved.

The application, therefore, is approved subject to the condition that the water right is reduced to a quantity not to exceed 583 acre-feet of water per calendar year and to a diversion rate not to exceed 1,295 gallons per minute (2.89 c.f.s.) in accordance with the Application for Approval to Change the Place of Use, File No. 14.978 received August 8, 2016.

This order reduces the number of authorized points of diversion to:

one(1) well located in the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼ NE¼ SW¼) of Section 18, more particularly described as being near a point 1,346 feet North and 3,480 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 28 South, Range 25 West, Ford County, Kansas,

and removes the additional limitation on the authorized quantity and diversion rate as set forth by the Certificate of Appropriation pursuant to File No. 14,978, issued December 6, 1978, described as follows:

This appropriation is further limited to a quantity and diversion rate which when combined with the water right set forth in the Certificate of Appropriation issued pursuant to Application No. 6892 will provide a maximum diversion rate not in excess of 1,565 gallons per minute from the well located near the Northwest corner of Lot 1 (NW¼ NW¼ NW¼) of Section 19, and a total quantity of 1,050 acre-feet per calendar year for irrigation use on the land described herein.

The effective date of the change shall be the date this order is executed by the Chief Engineer, after which the authorized location of the place of use shall be:

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a total of 299.00 acres in Township 28 South, Range 25 West, Ford County, Kansas,

located substantially as shown on the map accompanying the application to change the place of use.

All diversion works into which any type of chemical or other foreign substance will be injected into the water pumped from the diversion works shall be equipped with an in-line, automatic, quick-closing check valve capable of preventing pollution of the source of the water supply. The type of valve installed shall meet specifications adopted by the Chief Engineer and shall be maintained in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer.

The water right owner shall properly install an acceptable water meter on the diversion works authorized under this water right, prior to the use of water, in strict accordance with the Kansas Administrative Regulations 5-1-4 through 5-1-12 adopted by the Chief Engineer. The water right owner shall notify the Chief Engineer when installation of the water meter has been completed. The water right owner shall maintain the water meter in an operating condition satisfactory to the Chief Engineer, at all times during diversion of water and shall maintain records from which the total quantity of water diverted may be determined. The water right owner shall also report the reading of said water meter and the total quantity of water diverted annually to the Chief Engineer. Such records shall be furnished to the Chief Engineer by March 1 following the end of each calendar year.

In all other respects, the Certificate of Appropriation issued pursuant to Approval of Application, File No. 14,978, for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, is as stated and set forth in the Certificate of Appropriation dated December 6, 1978, as modified and amended by the aforementioned orders.

This Order shall become a final agency action, as defined by K.S.A. 77-607(b), without further notice to the parties, if a request for hearing or a petition for administrative review is not filed as set forth below.

Request for Hearing. According to K.A.R. 5-14-3(c), any party who desires a hearing must submit a request within 15 days after the date shown on the Certificate of Service attached to this Order. Filing a request for a hearing will give you the opportunity to submit additional facts for consideration, contest any findings made by the Chief Engineer or present any other information you believe should be considered in this matter. A timely-filed request for hearing will stay the deadline for requesting administrative review of this Order pending the outcome of the hearing.

Petition for Review. Any person aggrieved by this Summary Order may petition for administrative review, pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-708b(a) and K.S.A. 82a-1901(a). The petition must be filed within 30 days after the date shown on the Certificate of Service attached to this Order and must set forth the basis for the review, unless stayed by the timely filing of a request for hearing.

RE: File No. 14,978

Any request for hearing or petition for administrative review shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the attention of: Chief Legal Counsel, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, Fax: (785) 564 - 6777.

Ordered this 10th day of Jovember

, 2016, in Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

Lane P. Letourneau, P.G.
Program Manager
Water Appropriation Program
Division of Water Resources
Kansas Department of Agriculture

State of Kansas

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County of Riley

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of Love 1, 2016, by Lane P. Letourneau, P.G., Program Manager, Water Appropriation Program, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture.

DANIELLE WILSON
My Appointment Expires
August 23, 2020

Notary Public

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

On this /4th day of / Downber 2016, I hereby certify that the attached Approval of Application for the Change in Place of Use, File No. 14,978, dated postage prepaid, first class, US mail to the following:

NV RANCH LP JEREMIAH B NICHOLSON 11089 WHIRLWIND RD DODGE CITY KS 67801

with photocopies to:

DANNY D & SUSAN J POST 10629 VALLEY RD DODGE CITY KS 67801 THOMAS G & KAY L SCHNITTKER TRUSTS PO BOX 1 PRATT KS 67124

Stafford Field Office
Groundwater Management District No. 3

Division of Water Resources

Submit To: CHIEF ENGINEER Division of Water Resources Kansas Department of Agriculture 1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, Kansas 66502 http://agriculture.ks.gov/dwr

#### **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO** CHANGE THE PLACE OF USE, THE POINT OF DIVERSION OR THE USE MADE OF THE WATER UNDER AN **EXISTING WATER RIGHT**



Filing Fee Must Accompany the Application

(Please refer to Fee Schedule on signature page of application form.)

Paragraph Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 8 must be completed. Complete all other applicable portions. A topographic map or detailed plat showing the authorized and proposed points(s) of diversion and /or place of use must accompany this application.

Application is hereby ma	de for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the	WATER RESOURCES RECEIVED
(Check one or more)	☐ Point of Diversion	AUG 0 8 2016
,	☐ Use Made of Water	10.01
		KS DEPT OF AGRICULTURE
	File No. <u>14978</u>	WATER RESOURCES
2. Name of applicant: Danr	y D & Susan J Post	RECEIVED
Address: 10629 Valley R	Rd .	OCT 1 7 2016
City, State and Zip: <u>Dod</u>	ge City KS 67801	KS DEPT OF AGRICULTURE
Phone Number: (620)33	8-1065 E-mail address:	
What is your relationship	to the water right; ⊠ owner ☐ tenant ☐ agent ☐	other? If other please explain
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Address: <u>Thomas G Sch</u>	mitter, PO.Box 1 /103 / Vo.Bit	Tisas podgetila No 6 , At
City, State and Zip: <u>Pratt</u>	KS 67124	
Phone Number: (620) 67	<u>/2-7400</u> E-mail address:	
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## Krueger, Richelle

From:

Fitch, Elizabeth

Sent:

Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:01 AM

To:

Krueger, Richelle

**Subject:** 

FW: Letter RE: Water Rights S/2 Section 18-28S-25W, Ford County, KS

Attachments:

Scan.pdf

Here you go.

Elizabeth

**From:** Schnittker Ag. Services [mailto:k-tfarmsinc@sctelcom.net]

Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 10:27 AM

To: Fitch, Elizabeth

Cc: deketa@nvfarms.net; Chuck Nicholson; Jeremiah Nicholson

Subject: Letter RE: Water Rights S/2 Section 18-28S-25W, Ford County, KS

Thank you!

# Kay

Tom & Kay Schnittker Schnittker Ag. Servcies 318 S. Main St./P. O. Box 1 Pratt, KS 67124-0001

Office #: (620) 388-7645 Tom's Cell #: (620) 672-7400 Kay's Cell #: (620) 229-0000

Fax #:

(866) 519-4399

E-mail: k-tfarmsinc@sctelcom.net

# K-T FARMS, INC.

# Thomas G. Schnittker, President P. O. Box 1

Pratt, KS 67124-0001

Office #: (620) 388-7645 Cell #: (620) 672-7400

Fax #: (866) 519-4399 E-mail: tom.sas@sctelcom.net

August 29, 2016

ATTN.: Elizabeth Fitch Division of Water Resources 105 N. Main St. Stafford, KS 67578

Dear Elizabeth:

Please find enclosed a copy of the recorded deed from Thomas G. Schnittker, Trustee of the Thomas G. Schnittker Trust dated April 14, 1999 and Kay L. Schnittker, Trustee of the Kay L. Schnittker Trust dated April 14 1999 to NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah B. Nicholson. Effective immediately, the property rights on this property have changed to the above parties. This changes the Water Rights file from the Thomas G. Schnittker Trust dated April 14, 1999 and the Kay L. Schnittker Trust dated April 14, 1999 to NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah B. Nicholson. The annual **Water Reports** should be sent to:

NV Ranch, L.P. Jeremiah B. Nicholson 11089 Whirlwind Rd. Dodge City, KS 67801

This change is effective immediately. Please be advised there is a change in Water Right Nos. 6892 and 14978. For the purposes of water reporting in the future, the Water Rights concerning the S/2 of Section 18-28S-25W should go to:

NV Ranch, L.P. Jeremiah B. Nicholson 11089 Whirlwind Rd. Dodge City, KS 67801

## On the W/2 of Section 19-28S-25W, the Water Reports should go to:

Danny D. and Susan J. Post 10629 Valley Rd. Dodge City, KS 67801-9755

For your records, a copy of the deed is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Schnittker

TGS:kls

Enclosure

cc: NV Ranch, L.P.

Jeremiah B. Nicholson Danny D. & Susan J. Post



Entered in transfer record in my office this \_\_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk



STATE OF KANSAS, FORD COUNTY This instrument was filed for Record on 08/25/2016 10:22 AM BOOK D: B: 247 P: 410

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Brenda Pogue, register of Deeds

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### TRUSTEE'S DEED

THIS indenture made this day of August, 2016, by and between THOMAS G. SCHNITTKER, TRUSTEE OF THE THOMAS G. SCHNITTKER TRUST DATED APRIL 14, 1999 and KAY L. SCHNITTKER, TRUSTEE OF THE KAY L. SCHNITTKER TRUST DATED APRIL 14, 1999, as GRANTORS, and NV RANCH, LP and JEREMIAH B. NICHOLSON, as GRANTEES.

THE GRANTOR, by virtue of the terms and provisions of said Trust Agreement, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, sell, and convey to NV RANCH, LP and JEREMIAH B. NICHOLSON, all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the following-described real estate located in Ford County, Kansas:

The South Half (S/2) of Section 18, Township 28 South, Range 25 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ford County, Kansas, a/d/a the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) and Lots 3 and 4 and the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) of Section 18, Township 28 South, Range 25 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Ford County, Kansas

including all appurtenant water rights, including but not limited to the following: Water Appropriation Right File No. 6,892, Water Appropriation Right File No. 14,978, wind rights and mineral rights

This deed by the Trustees named above is made pursuant to the authority granted to the Trustees under the above named Trust Agreements dated April 14, 1999, in which said Grantors was designated and appointed Trustees and are still serving in that capacity; said Trusts not having been revoked; and the Grantors, in their capacities as Trustees, having the full power thereunder to execute this deed.

=For the Sum of \$1.00=

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THOMAS G. SCHNITTKER TRUST DATED ARPIL 14, 1999

Thomas G. Schnittker, Trustee

KAY L. SCHNITTKER TRUST DATED APRIL 14, 1999

Kay L. Schnittker, Trustee

STATE OF KANSAS,

ss:

COUNTY OF Ford

This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 25.75 2016 by Thomas G. Schnittker, Trustee of the Thomas G. Schnittker Trust dated April 14, 1999.

Notary Public

ss:

MITCH L. LITTLE

Notary Public - State of Kansas

My Appt. Expires /-2-2020

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 2016 by Kay L. Schnittker, Trustee of the Kay L. Schnittker Trust dated April 14, 1999.

Notary Public

A. MITCH L. LITTLE
Notery Public - State of Kansas
My Appt. Expires /-2-2020

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## NV RANCH, LP

11089 Whirlwind Road Dodge City, Kansas 67801 Telephone: 620-225-4637 ◆ Fax: 620-227-8199

October 14, 2016

Richelle A. Krueger Kansas Dept. of Agriculture Division of Water Resources 1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, KS 66502

RE: Water Right File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978

Please find enclosed the original change applications for File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978.

Per your request and our discussion we have done the following:

- We have attached maps Elizabeth Fitch prepared showing the well owner names & addresses and Danny Post signed the certification statement on the original maps.
- Jeremiah Nicholson and I, in my capacity of a General Partner of NV Ranch, have added our notarized signatures to this change application since we have now purchased the S2 18-28-25 from Tom & Kay Schnittker.

Additionally, the address and phone for both Jeremiah Nicholson and NV Ranch is:

11089 Whirlwind Road Dodge City, KS 67801

Phone: 620-225-4637

Jeremiah's email address is: jeremiah@nvfarms.net

DeKeta (Nicholson) Schuckman email address is: deketa@nvfarms.net

Also, use Jeremiah Nicholson and the above mailing address for the Primary Water Use Correspondent for both of these water rights for this year rather than KT Farms, Inc.

Please let us know if you need anything further. Thanks so much for your assistance.

Regards,

DeKeta Schuckman

**NV** Ranch

cc: Danny & Sue Post Elizabeth Fitch Jeremiah Nicholson WATER RESOURCES RECEIVED

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### Krueger, Richelle

From:

Krueger, Richelle

Sent:

Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:18 PM

To:

Lanterman, Jeff

Cc:

Conant, Cameron; Fitch, Elizabeth

Subject:

RE: Request for Recommendation Change in PU File Nos. 6892 & 14978 Danny Post/NV

Ranch/Nicholson

Thanks Jeff, I will get these moving!

From: Lanterman, Jeff

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2016 3:17 PM

To: Krueger, Richelle

Cc: Conant, Cameron; Fitch, Elizabeth

Subject: RE: Request for Recommendation Change in PU File Nos. 6892 & 14978 Danny Post/NV Ranch/Nicholson

Richelle;

You don't know how long and how many different ways these changes were drawn on the white board in my office! I think this is the third generation of those changes ©

<u>Anyway please do approve these</u>. As far as the WUR correspondent I think you are correct that unless Mr. Post requests that the Nicholsons be correspondents we should let Post be correspondent on his file. We should probably let them know that in the cover letter when we approve them.

Glad to get this one behind us ©

Jeff

From: Krueger, Richelle

Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 8:20 AM
To: Lanterman, Jeff < Jeff.Lanterman@ks.gov >

Cc: Conant, Cameron < Cameron. Conant@ks.gov >; Fitch, Elizabeth < Elizabeth. Fitch@ks.gov >

Subject: Request for Recommendation Change in PU File Nos. 6892 & 14978 Danny Post/NV Ranch/Nicholson

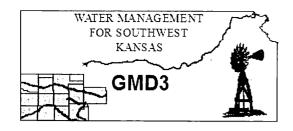
Hi Jeff,

Attached is a draft memo for the referenced change in pu, do you recommend approval?

Although I received a letter from NV Ranch requesting that both water use reports for File Nos. 6892 and 14978 go to Jeremiah Nicholson, I am thinking Danny Post should get the water use report for File No. 6892 since he appears to be the owner of that well in Section 19, and NV Ranch/Nicholson are owners of the well in Section 18, would you agree?

Thanks,

Richelle



## Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 2009 E. Spruce Street Garden City, Kansas 67846

(620) 275-7147 phone (620) 275-1431 fax www.gmd3.org

October 26, 2016

Richelle A. Krueger Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources 1320 Research Park Drive Manhattan, Kansas 66502

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RE: Change Applications,

Water Right, File Nos. 6,892 & 14,978

Dear Richelle:

We have completed a review of the applications for the above referenced water rights. The proposals are not in conflict with the Management Program of the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 (GMD3). The requested change in place of use will correctly describe the acres irrigated and separate the water rights to accommodate the new land ownership while removing the impartial overlap that was on these water rights, which is within the criteria set forth in K.A.R. 5-5-11. The reduction of one of the points of diversion under Water Right 14.978 will also make for a clean separation of the water rights. It is therefore recommended that the applications be approved at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the applications and to provide a recommendation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Jason L. Norquest Assistant Manager



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Jackie McClaskey, Secretary

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October 21, 2016

VERNON DIRKS 1242 CR 380 ALBERT KS 67511-5005

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978

Dear Mr. Dirks:

This is to advise you that the Danny D. and Susan J. Post, NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah Nicholson have filed applications for approval of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, to change the authorized place of use under the above referenced file numbers.

Effective July 1, 2016, Senate Bill No. 337 enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas requires the Division of Water Resources to notify all water right owners with a point of diversion within half a mile of a water right pending a request to change the water right. In order to comply with the statute, you are being notified of the above referenced applications for change.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (620) 564-6635. If you call, please reference the file number so we can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Richelle A. Krueger Environmental Scientist

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SOUTHWEST KANSAS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO 3 ATTN JASON NORQUEST 2009 E SPRUCE ST GARDEN CITY KS 67846

Re: Water Right, File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978

Dear Jason:

We are enclosing copies of the applications to change the place of use for File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978.

We are delaying further action for a period of 15 days from the date of this letter to allow you time to submit your recommendations concerning these applications.

Please submit your recommendations within the allowed time, or any authorized extension of time thereof. If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 564-6635. If you call, please reference the file number so we can help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Richelle A. Krueger

**Environmental Scientist** 

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## Krueger, Richelle

From:

Krueger, Richelle

Sent:

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 11:51 AM

To:

Fitch, Elizabeth

Subject:

File Nos. 6892 and 14978 Danny Post etal

#### Hi Elizabeth,

Just an FYI DeKeta Schuckman on behalf of NV Ranch LP and Jeremiah Nicholson called me this morning and let me know that she has the signatures for the applications and the maps signed and will be returning the applications to me tomorrow. She will give Danny copies of the applications with their signatures for his records. I think she tried to call you but I think Stafford's line is busy. Thanks for your help with this!

#### Richelle

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DANNY D & SUSAN J POST 10629 VALLEY RD DODGE CITY KS 67801-6786

RE: Water Right, File Nos. 6,892 and 14,978

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Post,

Reference is made to the applications for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the place of use under the referenced file numbers which were received in the office of the Chief Engineer on August 8, 2016. Upon review of the applications, we find that additional information is needed.

Please find enclosed the <u>original</u> applications for File No. 6,892 and 14,978. Effective July 1, 2016, Senate Bill No. 337 enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas requires the Division of Water Resources to notify all water right owners with a point of diversion within half a mile of a water right pending a request to change the water right. Please indicate on your submitted maps the location of all water wells (including domestic wells) of any kind within one-half mile of your authorized wells and provide well owner names and mailing addresses on the maps. In addition, you must <u>sign where indicated on the application maps certifying that all water wells of any kind located within one-half mile of the requested points of diversion have been plotted on the map.</u>

K.A.R. 5-5-5 Signatures required on change applications requires in part that if the extent of each owner's interest in the water right has not been legally determined, then all landowners holding an undetermined portion of the water right must sign the change application. Information in this office indicates that NV Ranch, L.P. and Jeremiah B. Nicholson, are owners of the South Half (S½) of Section 18, Township 28 South, Range 25 West, Ford County, Kansas. Therefore we will need the original notarized signatures of the authorized representative of NV Ranch L.P. and Jeremiah B. Nicholson and spouse, please indicate if there is no spouse. I am enclosing additional blank signature forms.

I am returning the referenced applications so that you may provide the requested information. In order that the applications will retain their priorities of filing, the original applications and attachments must be returned, along with the requested additional information, to this office on or before October 14, 2016, or within any authorized extension of time thereof. According to the law, default in the refiling of the completed applications and attachments as outlined above, within the time allowed, shall constitute forfeiture of the priority date and dismissal of the applications.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 564-6635 or Change Application Unit Supervisor, Brent Turney, at (785) 564-6645. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please have the file number ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely,

Richelle A. Krueger Environmental Scientist

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DANNY D & SUSAN J POST 10629 VALLEY RD DODGE CITY, KS 67801 August 8, 2016

RE: File No. 14978

Dear Sir or Madam:

An application for approval of the Chief Engineer to change the following condition or conditions of the file number referred to above has been received:

☐ place of use PU ☐ point of diversion ☐ use made of water

As a matter of record, the Division of Water Resources has on hand a large number of applications awaiting processing. Therefore to be fair to all concerned, and so that we can process those applications on hand in the order they were received, we intend to concentrate on the backlog of applications until the issue is resolved. You will be contacted regarding this application as soon as it has been examined.

In accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, a portion of which is included below, the use of water prior to approval of the application is unlawful. You should not proceed and divert water as indicated by your plans in your application for a change for this file until you receive approval for this change from the Chief Engineer. Once approved, compliance with the terms, conditions and limitations of the permit is necessary. Conservation of the water resources of Kansas is required.

Section 82a-728 of the Kansas Water Appropriation Act, provides (a) except for the appropriation of water for the purpose of domestic use, . . . it shall be unlawful for any person to appropriate or threaten to appropriate water from any source without first applying for and obtaining a permit to appropriate water in accordance with the provisions of the Water Appropriation Act or for any person to violate any condition of a vested right, appropriation right or an approved application for a permit to appropriate water for beneficial use.

(b) (1) The violation of any provision of this section by any person is a class C misdemeanor...

A class C misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500 and/or a term of confinement not to exceed one month in the county jail. Each day that the violation occurs constitutes a separate offense.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (785) 564-6645. If you wish to discuss a specific file, please have the file number ready so that we may help you more efficiently.

Sincerely.

Brent A Turney, L.G.

Change Applications Unit Supervisor

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